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**THE ARMY &
HONGKONG**

HONGKONG people have watched with varying degrees of anxiety the debate that has been going on in Britain recently on defence policy in the Far East. For a territory geographically situated as this Colony is, the prospect of losing the Army garrison after the gradual whittling down of the Navy and Air Force to token proportions is one that is viewed with a good deal of misgiving. The new CIB and British spokesmen have made it clear that no drastic change in policy is proposed but the mounting internal and external pressures on Britain suggest that the Colony cannot expect to retain its present garrison indefinitely.

A number of British MPs seem surprised that Hongkong should put such faith in the presence of the Army, when clearly a garrison of its size could not hope to repel a full-scale invasion. Our concern however is less for the maintenance of internal security which has been the foundation of local prosperity in recent years. The Army in addition to being a "stiffener" for local security forces, is symbolic of Britain's concern for the colony and its determination that Hongkong and its three million people should survive.

The danger of removing the garrison without any effective replacement is that it would give rise to fears that Britain is abandoning its interests here. This would certainly be serious for Hongkong. The mood of optimism and confidence that has persisted during the disturbing post-war period would be shaken and the economic consequences require no stressing.

One British magazine has suggested that Hongkong raise a local security force. The idea however has no merit. There would be little if any confidence in such a force even if it could be recruited. How can it be otherwise in a territory with no prospects of becoming self-governing and where local loyalty counts for so little?

NOR will it be enough for British people to remind the Colony that Singapore with its big Naval base and Army garrison is only 1,600 miles south, that troops could be rushed up in the event of an emergency. If the reduction of the garrison proves unavoidable, there may be something to be said for rotating some of the British and Commonwealth forces now stationed in Malaya and Singapore for short tours of duty in the Colony so that there would always be a definite number of men to man the garrison here.

But it should be made clear to Britain that confidence would be dangerously shaken if the Army were to pull out without an effective replacement. Problems at home and in Europe where the British Army is under strength, are well understood in Hongkong. But responsibilities here cannot simply be discarded because they suddenly become too onerous. Yet this is the attitude that some Labour MPs, retired field marshals and Fleet Street publications are anxiously urging the Government to adopt.

Engineer's amazing Berlin escape TRAIN'S DASH TO FREEDOM

*Hurtles past
Reds at
full throttle*

Berlin, Dec. 6.
An East German locomotive engineer pirated a seven-car train and roared past Communist border guards into the freedom of West Berlin last night with 25 friends and relatives on board.

The train hurtled past Albrechtshof at 50 mph and across the border into the British Sector near Spandau, where the engineer brought it to a screeching stop with his emergency brake half a mile inside the Western sector.

Harry Deterling, the 28-year-old engineer, his 18-year-old friend and 23 passengers, announced that they were refugees from communism and would not return to East Germany.

Police said seven others, including the angry train conductor, returned.

An hour after the dramatic escape, an East German switching locomotive followed the runaway train over the little-used stretch of border track into West Berlin. It coupled on the escape train and dragged it with its locomotive back to East Germany. The seven persons returning stayed aboard.

East Germany operates the railways both inside and outside of Berlin. The escape took place over tracks unused by passenger trains ever since August 13, when the Communists started walling up West Berlin.

Deterling told a reporter he had heard the line would be blocked completely next week. So he started planning the escape last Thursday with his friend, Hartmut Lichy, his family and friends.

He said all 25 refugees were in on the plot. The seven returnees were passengers who happened to be aboard when the train pulled out of its next-to-last scheduled station.

No stop
They informed their relatives and friends of their plan. These "passengers" bought tickets for the train ride which normally ends at the Albrechtshof station, one mile from the West Berlin border.

Lichy shovelled coal on the fire and Deterling opened the throttle wide as the train rushed through its normal terminal station, Albrechtshof, without stopping.

They both leaped into the coal tender for protection from expected gunfire when the train rushed past border guards, one-fourth of a mile farther on.

But there was no shooting. Deterling said.

The conductor meanwhile was shouting, "Stop! Stop!" passengers reported.

Eleven of the refugees were related to Deterling, including his wife and mother. They wore extra clothing underneath their

outer garments and carried a minimum of baggage to avoid creating suspicion. There were also children among the group, a boy in age from an eight-day-old infant to a youth of 14.

The escape followed the detection by U.S. Military Police of two Soviet vehicles in the U.S. Sector of Berlin earlier, in apparent retaliation for Communist police harassment of U.S. Army sedans in East Berlin.

One of the Soviet cars was held for an hour and the second for 15 minutes.

The MP's acted as a 200-man U.S. infantry convoy rolled across Communist territory on the autobahn from West Germany. The last elements of the three-section convoy reached West Berlin tonight without interference from East German Communists or the Soviets.

In other Berlin developments: The East German Communists rejected as "nonsensical" a U.S. protest against their strengthening the wall dividing the city.

The Red's weekend project narrowed the Western Allied crossing point at Friedrichstrasse to one narrow lane. The Communists said they were not obliged to ask permission of Americans to strengthen their borders. UPI & AP.

**HONGKONG
SHIVERS
AT 56°F**

Hongkong shivered early this morning when the temperature dropped to a chilly 56 degrees F, a new low for this winter. This was recorded at 7 am.

The humidity at the time was 47 per cent, and this dropped even further later today. At 1 pm the figure stood at 26 per cent.

The lowest temperature recorded this year was 45.2 degrees F on January 17.

TO PROVIDE AID FOR TEXTILE INDUSTRY

HK to be Asian HQ for Int'l Wool Secretariat?

Hongkong may become the headquarters of the International Wool Secretariat's activities in Asia, Sir William Gunn, the Chairman said this morning.

Sir William and Mr W. J. Vines, the Managing Director of the Secretariat, are here to probe the possibility of extending the Secretariat's activities to Hongkong and of providing local textile manufacturers with technical assistance.

Sir William said that at the moment, the Secretariat was

not operating in Hongkong "but we are seriously considering opening a market here. We are also considering turning Hongkong into a headquarters for our activities in Asia in view of the growing importance of Asia as a market for wool."

The Secretariat is an organization comprising Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, with the express aim of promoting sales of wool in all parts of the world.

Responsible

Sir William revealed that Australia was responsible for about 62 per cent of the annual export of wool, representing a total value of approximately A£2,100 million. New Zealand came next with 24 per cent, while the rest was covered by South Africa.

There are no standard prices for the sale of wool among members of the Secretariat. It is sold on free auction with the United Kingdom as the largest

buyer and Japan coming second, said Sir William.

The recorded figure of Australian wool exports to Hongkong in 1960 represented a total of HK\$35,000,000. The figure for 1961 is not yet available, Sir William said. However, he added that the figure was increasing annually.

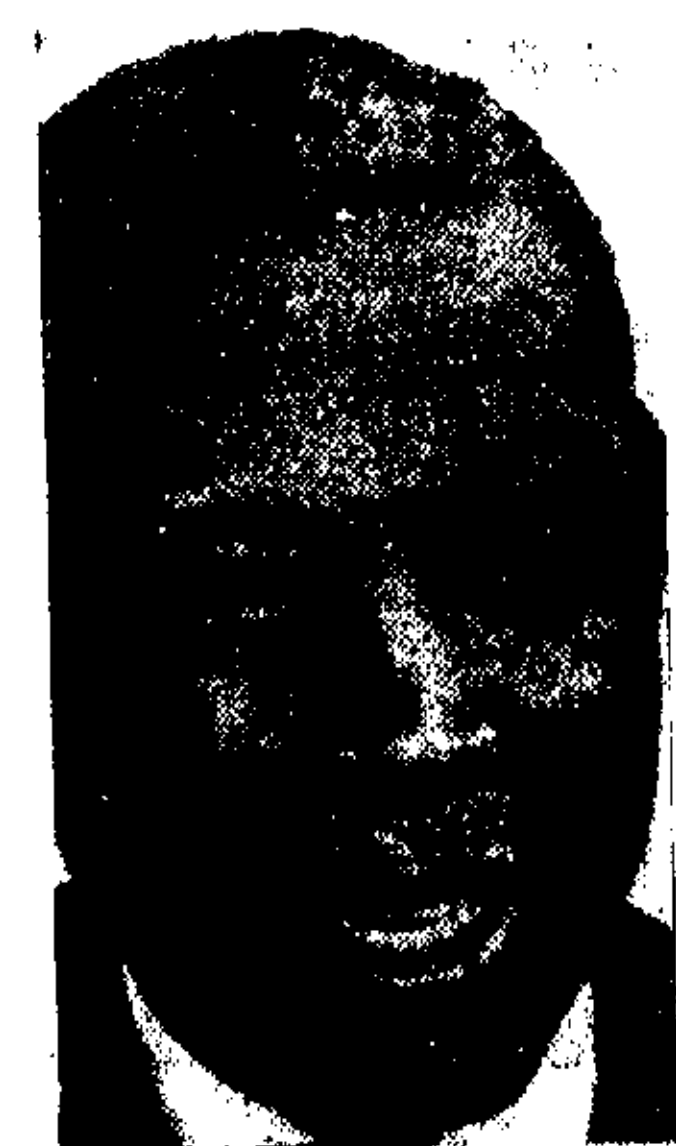
Asked whether wool would be eventually replaced by synthetics, Sir William said: "Not in my time!"

Sir William and Mr Vines arrived here last night on the last leg of a round-the-world tour of wool-importing countries for an extensive survey of wool markets.

They will stay here for three or four days, during which time they will be meeting local textile producers.

The press conference took place at the Australian Commissioner's office at Wing On Life Building.

**NOBEL PRIZE
WINNER
CONFINED
TO AIRPORT**



Johannesburg, Dec. 5.
Ex-chief Albert Lutuli spent the night at Johannesburg airport when he was delayed for a second time today while on his way to Oslo to receive his Nobel Peace Prize for 1960.

Mr Lutuli and his wife were confined in the overseas transit quarters at the airport, guarded by plain clothes policemen.

A BOAC spokesman said tonight it was hoped that the Comet airliner taking the Lutulis to London would be able to take off in the morning.

The Comet was found to have a pressurisation failure half an hour after leaving Johannesburg and had to return.

Mr Lutuli was earlier held up for 45 minutes when the plane bringing him from Durban developed a technical hitch.—
Reuters.

A NEW CANCER TREATMENT TO BE TESTED

Newcastle, Dec. 5.
A British surgeon is preparing to choose six incurable cancer victims to test a new treatment of the deadly disease—massive transfusions of blood taken from victims of multiple sclerosis.

The experiment will be carried out shortly by Dr Ian Melner, 48-year-old consultant neurosurgeon at Newcastle General Hospital. Hospital officials

said it may take a year to evaluate the results.

Multiple sclerosis is a brain disease which causes paralysis.

Dr Alfred Piper, a general practitioner in the coal mining village of Lemington, Northumberland, reported recently that in 11 years of study he had never come across a case of someone with multiple sclerosis contracting cancer.

"A number of specialists in the north of Britain have also been unable to name a cancer victim among patients suffering from sclerosis," Dr Piper said.

IMPRESSED
Dr Piper's report so impressed Dr Melner that he decided to test it on human cancer victims.

"It appears that Dr Piper has made painstaking research within his own resources before taking the matter as far as this," the surgeon said.

"This experiment will be the first of its kind in the world. We hope to start almost immediately and, at present, we are sorting out patients of both types in relation to blood groups."

The six cancer sufferers will be drawn from local hospitals.—
AP.

Amersham, Dec. 5.
Former Labour Prime Minister Earl Attlee was admitted to Amersham General Hospital today. He was understood to be suffering from a stomach ailment. He is 78.—UPI.

FRONT PAGE BRIEFS

Powerful radio

New York, Dec. 5.
Newsweek magazine reported today that the U.S. Navy is to build a powerful radio transmitter on the west coast of Australia to communicate with Polaris missile submarines.

"The station will be able to transmit firing orders to the subs—even while under water—in both the Indian and Pacific Oceans," the report added.—
Reuters.

FULL ATTENTION

United Nations, Dec. 5.
Mr Adlai Stevenson announced today that he will not run for the U.S. Senate next year. He felt he could best serve the country by remaining Chairman of the U.S. delegation to the United Nations.—UPI.

GOA CRISIS

New Delhi, Dec. 5.
India has "found it necessary" to move troops up to "areas threatened by aggressive manoeuvres" of the Portuguese near the border of the enclave of Goa, as a precautionary measure.

A spokesman of the External Affairs Ministry, told reporters Portugal had concentrated troops "to overawe and intimidate residents of Goa and their compatriots across the border." —Reuters.

'Very polite'

New Delhi, Dec. 5.
Indian Premier Mr Jawaharlal Nehru announced today that Communist China has suggested the drafting of a new Chinese-Indian treaty on Tibet.

He said the message, received yesterday, was "very polite". Mr Nehru said he would reply in due course, but the matter had to be considered.—AFP.

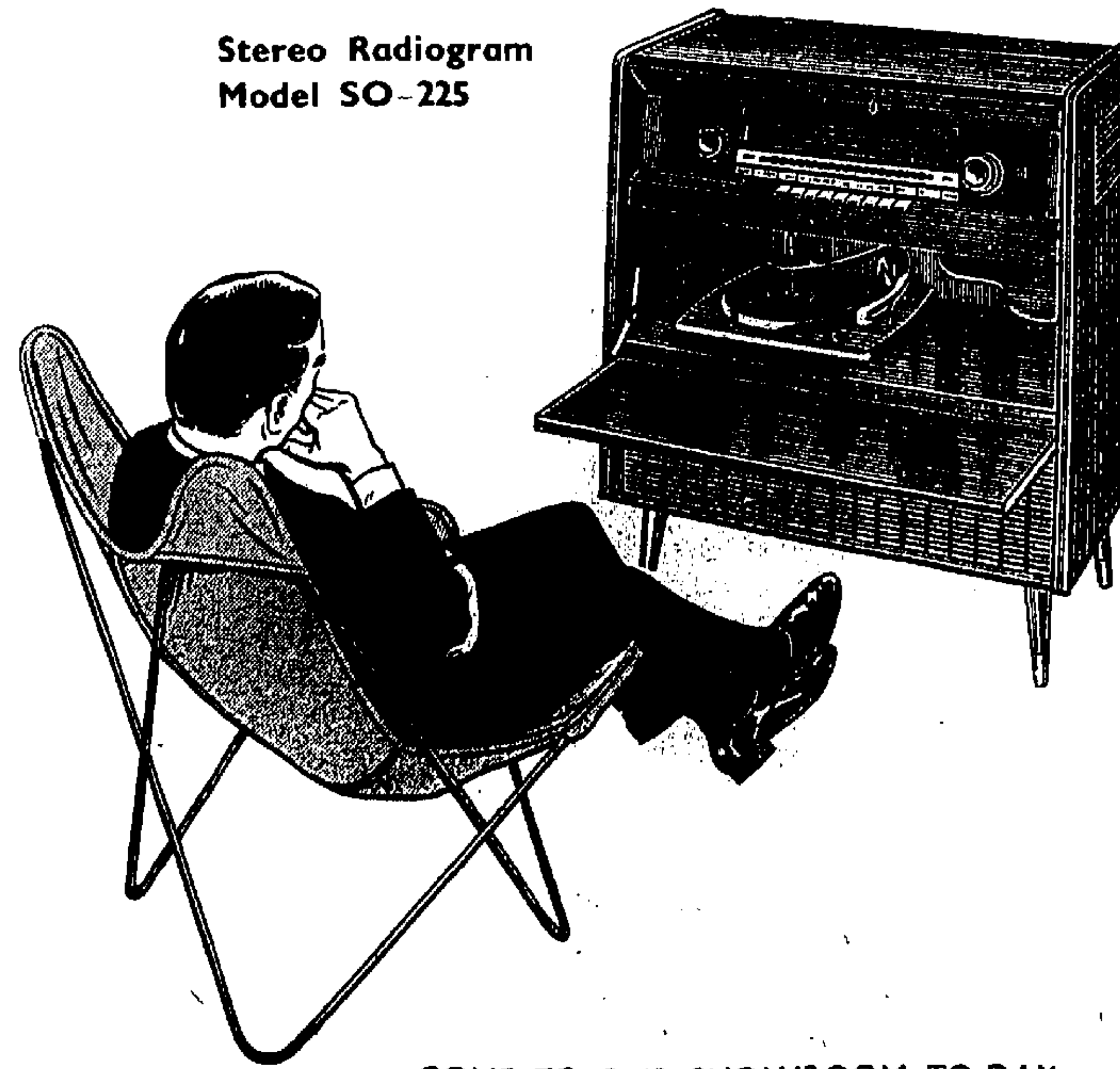
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Bloody street battles end Congo truce

Elisabethville, Dec. 5.

United Nations troops, spearheaded by Gurkhas, battled Katangese forces through the streets and outskirts of Elisabethville today in an outburst of fighting that ended a 2½-month truce.

The U.N. troops smashed a Katanga roadblock on the road to Elisabethville airport during fierce fighting and repulsed an organised attack on U.N. headquarters — with casualties on both sides.

The Government has never lost control. We are in charge of the city of Elisabethville.

The U.N. force had been on the fighting and claimed to have lost 100 men.

It was all stay at our posts. Katanga will be victorious.

Earlier, in a Swahili language broadcast, Katanga Radio said: "Everyone must fight. The U.N. attacked us and we are fighting back. Please attack the U.N. dog."

Air action

He said Indian troops of the U.N. Force lost one officer and four men were wounded.

News came from New York that acting U.N. Secretary-General U Thant had authorized all necessary air and ground military action needed to end the latest rebellion against the Katangese force.

He ordered in jet planes from Leopoldville to Elisabethville to support the ground forces.

The battle started when U.N. troops attacked the Katanga roadblock near the airport. The U.N. captured the position and another at bayonet point after a bitter engagement.

Inside the city, the U.N. headquarters was peppered with small-arms fire. A building occupied by an American mission group was hit by a mortar shell, but no one was injured.

The fighting raged into the night. Mortars, machine guns, armoured cars, rifles and bayonets were used in the opening phases.

In New York, a U.N. headquarters spokesman said reports had been received that European snipers in civilian clothes had been shooting at U.N. soldiers from their villas in Elisabethville.

The U.N. move followed discovery of a Katangese plan to attack U.N. installations in the city.

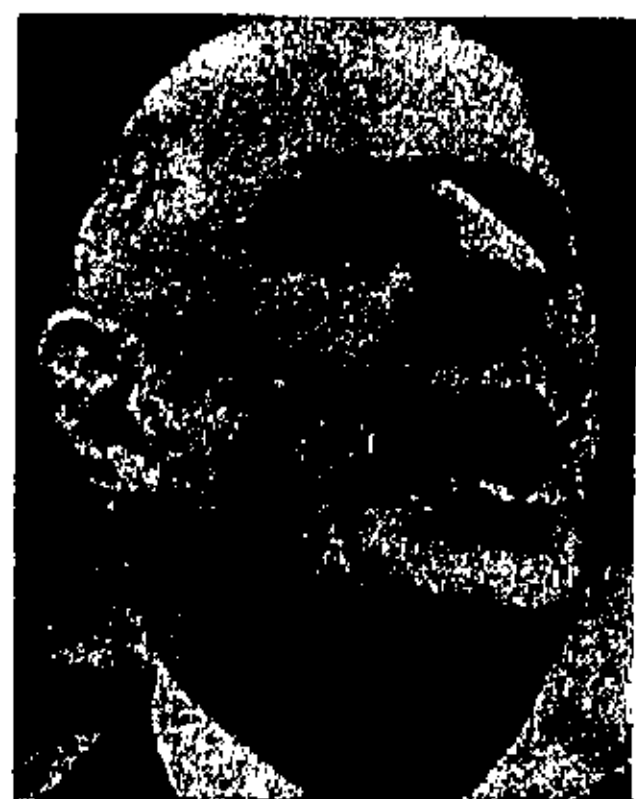
Promise broken

It came, too, after the Katangese had reneged on a promise to remove the roadblock which had been hindering U.N. traffic on the way to the airport.

At 7 pm U.N. civilian chief, Mr. Brian Urquhart, said that the United Nations has taken, cleared and is holding the airport and the road to the airport.

This evening, Katanga Foreign Minister Eyadéma Kimba broadcast over Radio Katanga:

DE GAULLE TO SEE KENNEDY?



De Gaulle

Paris, Dec. 5. The newspaper, France Soir, said today it was believed in Washington that President Charles de Gaulle might visit the United States for a meeting with President Kennedy next month.—U.P.I.

Wounded

The city's two main hospitals reported a total influx of wounded. The first 20 were taken to Queen Elizabeth Hospital and three at Prince Leopold Hospital.

Late in Elisabethville went on with amazing normality as late as 10 pm, even though mortar fire could be heard clearly in the centre of the city.

At that time, a young Belgian was seen walking nonchalantly along a city street holding his two-year-old daughter by the hand. Much nothing was happening.

Throughout most of the day, the civilian population appeared calm. There was some minor panic in some parts of the city early in the day when the first firing was heard, but the city's life soon returned to normal and in at least some areas.

Meanwhile, more than 350 officers and men of the 36th Battalion of the Eire (Irish) Republic Army left Dublin today for the Congo in seven planes.

The airlift will continue tomorrow when three more planes each carrying 50 troops will fly out. They are replacements it was stated.

Arrows

The Katanga President, Mr. Moïse Tshombe, in Paris on his way to Brazil for a moral reinforcement congress, said: "The U.N. attacked our forces."

He said his government had expected the attack and he did not consider it necessary for him to return to Elisabethville.

When a questioner asked if Katanga had sufficient arms President Tshombe replied:

"We have our poisoned arrows."

He added that there were no Europeans in the Katanga army and said talks of mercenaries was only an attempt to justify the U.N. action.

In Washington, the U.S. today gave its official backing to the action of United Nations forces in the fighting.

Mr. Lincoln White, the State Department spokesman, told a press conference that the instruction of U Thant the U.N. Secretary-General to the U.N. forces in Katanga to take whatever action was necessary to restore freedom of movement "has the support of the United States."—U.P.I. & Reuter.

Home Secretary speaks at conference on problems of crime

London, Dec. 5.

The Home Secretary, Mr R. A. Butler, has asked the press, the television, the radio and the film industries to "consider the total effect of their products on the problems of crime."

"For millions of people, what you produce represents the image, often the only image they have of the world outside their own field of experience," he told a London conference on crime prevention.

Challenge

"Your influence on the public's scale of values, its notions of what is and is not acceptable behaviour, and of what objectives are worth attaining, is very great, and all the greater because it is indirect."

All those concerned should consider not only how to avoid the clearly harmful but also what the total effect of their products is on the problems we are discussing and whether there is any way they could

contribute positively to their solution."

Sir David Eccles, Minister of Education, told the conference the challenge it had to answer was the rescue of children from "bad or indifferent parents."

Society's first thought is to turn to the schoolmasters and mistresses to repair and make good the bad influences to which many children are subjected today," he said.

Theory opposed

Cardinal William Godfrey, Archbishop of Westminster, told the conference he always felt great sympathy for teachers when parents resisted their discipline.

Teachers should have a great deal of support when complaints were made against the

way children were treated in school.

"Obviously the parents' love inclines them to favour the child," he said. "But very often what is done in school is something that ought to have been done in the home."

The Cardinal opposed the psychological theory which maintains that a child should "never be repressed, never held down, should have its own way."—China Mail Special.

WE ARE WINNING THE COLD WAR —Johnson

Washington, Dec. 5.

Vice-President Lyndon B. Johnson, declaring that the free world is winning the cold war, said in Wichita Falls today that the United States has enough military strength to make any enemy attack "almost an act of suicide."

Mr. Johnson described 14 ways in which, he said, the United States had acted to make the free world more secure. They ranged from creation of the Peace Corps and Food-for-Peace programmes to Nato improvements, space achievements and continued arms control negotiations.

Reviewing the first 11 months of the Kennedy Administration, Mr. Johnson said the United States had a "year of progress."

He conceded there had been some free world setbacks since World War II.

But he added: "Despite the setbacks, the frustrations and the tests, the free world is winning the cold war—Make no mistake about that."—U.P.I.

The development was expected to tighten further the deadlock which has gripped the conference since Russia presented its "new approach" test ban project which would do away with controls in an indefinite test moratorium.—Reuter & U.P.I.

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Nuclear talks reach complete deadlock

Geneva, Dec. 5.

The nuclear tests ban conference reached a complete deadlock here today when the Soviet Union totally rejected the entire work of the three-year-old talks as a basis for further negotiations.

Police clash with mobs

Santo Domingo, Dec. 5.

Firing broke out in Santo Domingo again today as police clashed with roving mobs on the eighth day of a general strike against the Government. There were no immediate reports of casualties.

Government workers in large numbers returned to their jobs in Santo Domingo after a warning from the Government that they would be fired unless they were back at their desks by noon tomorrow.

Many shops in the poorer sections of town reopened, but the main business districts were shut tight.

Hundreds of demonstrators chanted for a continuation of the strike.—AP.

Mr. Semenov Tsarapkin, Soviet delegate, violently attacked the West, and one Western source said his statements at today's session were "frivolous and abusive."

Diplomatic observers said that if there was no change of positions at the next few meetings, the conference would have to report a deadlock to the United Nations, which wants a report on December 14.

'Old basis'

Mr. Tsarapkin was reported to have told the meeting that the "old basis" for an agreement was discarded because of the Western buildup of the strengthening of Nato and the refusal of the West to sign a German peace treaty.

He made it clear that the Soviet Union is absolutely unwilling to discuss any

treaty which includes international inspection and control.

Meanwhile diplomatic sources said today that France has cold-shouldered a Soviet move to draw it into the conference.

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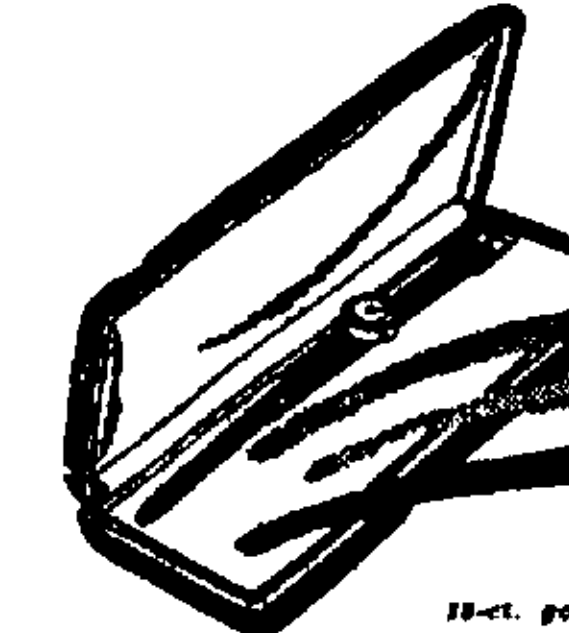
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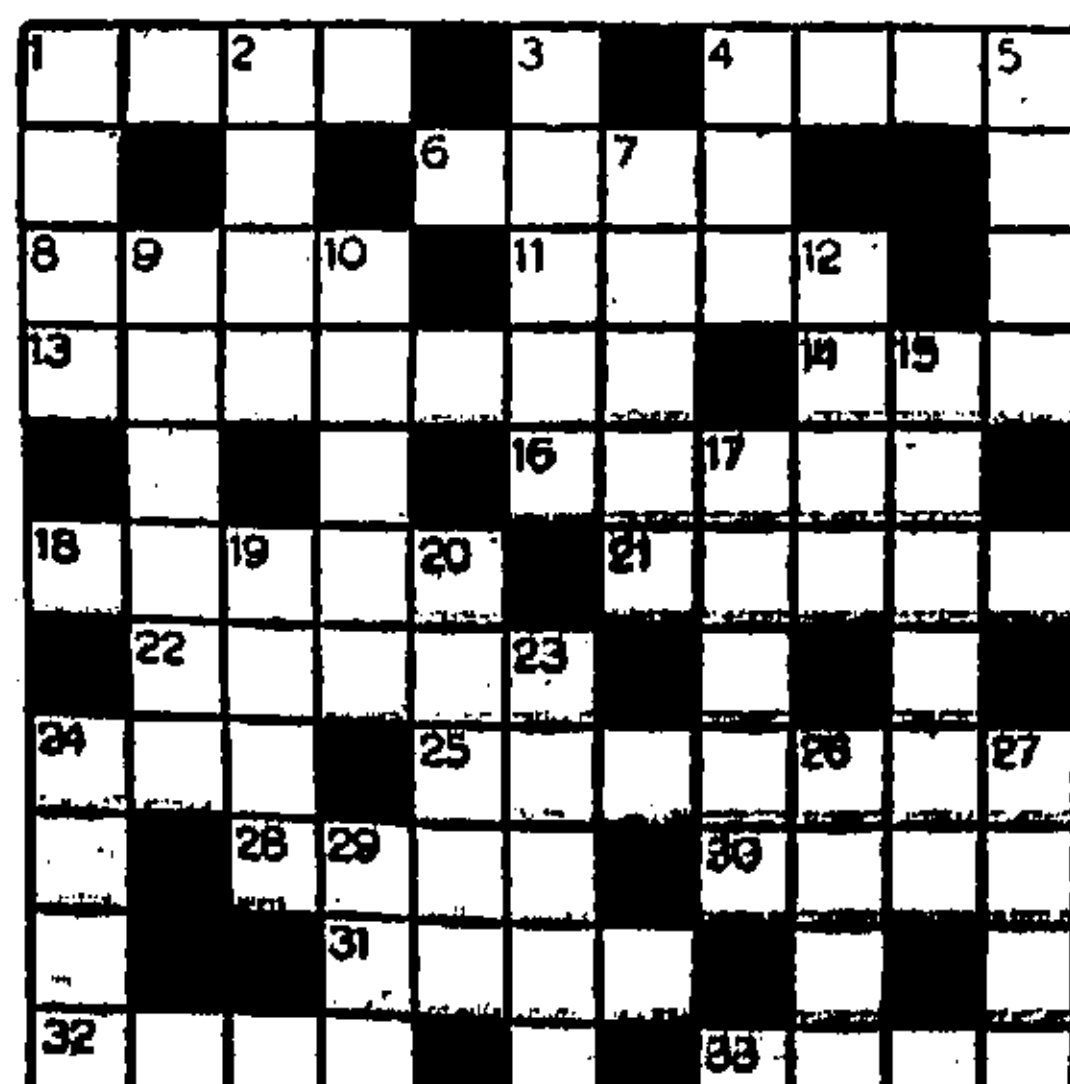
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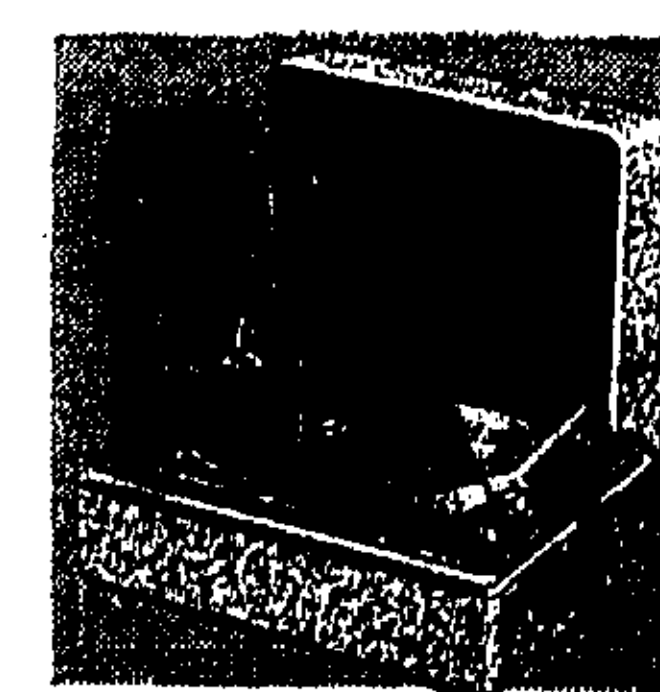
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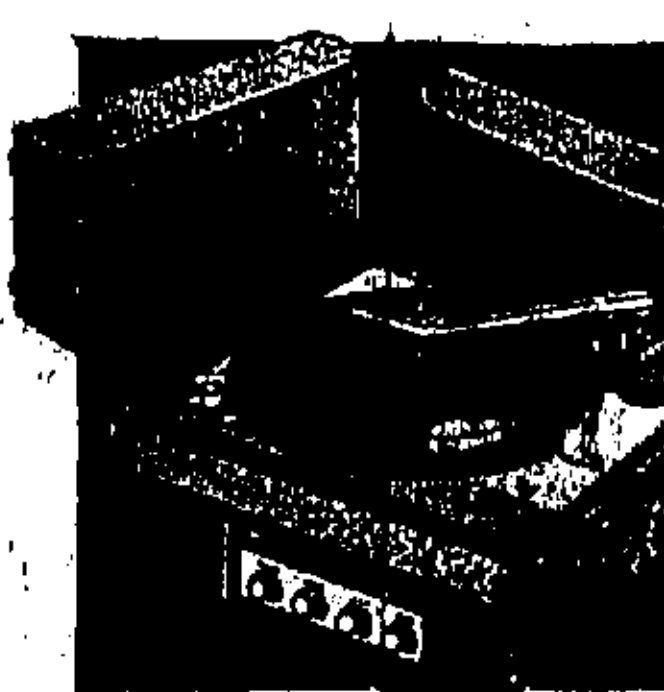
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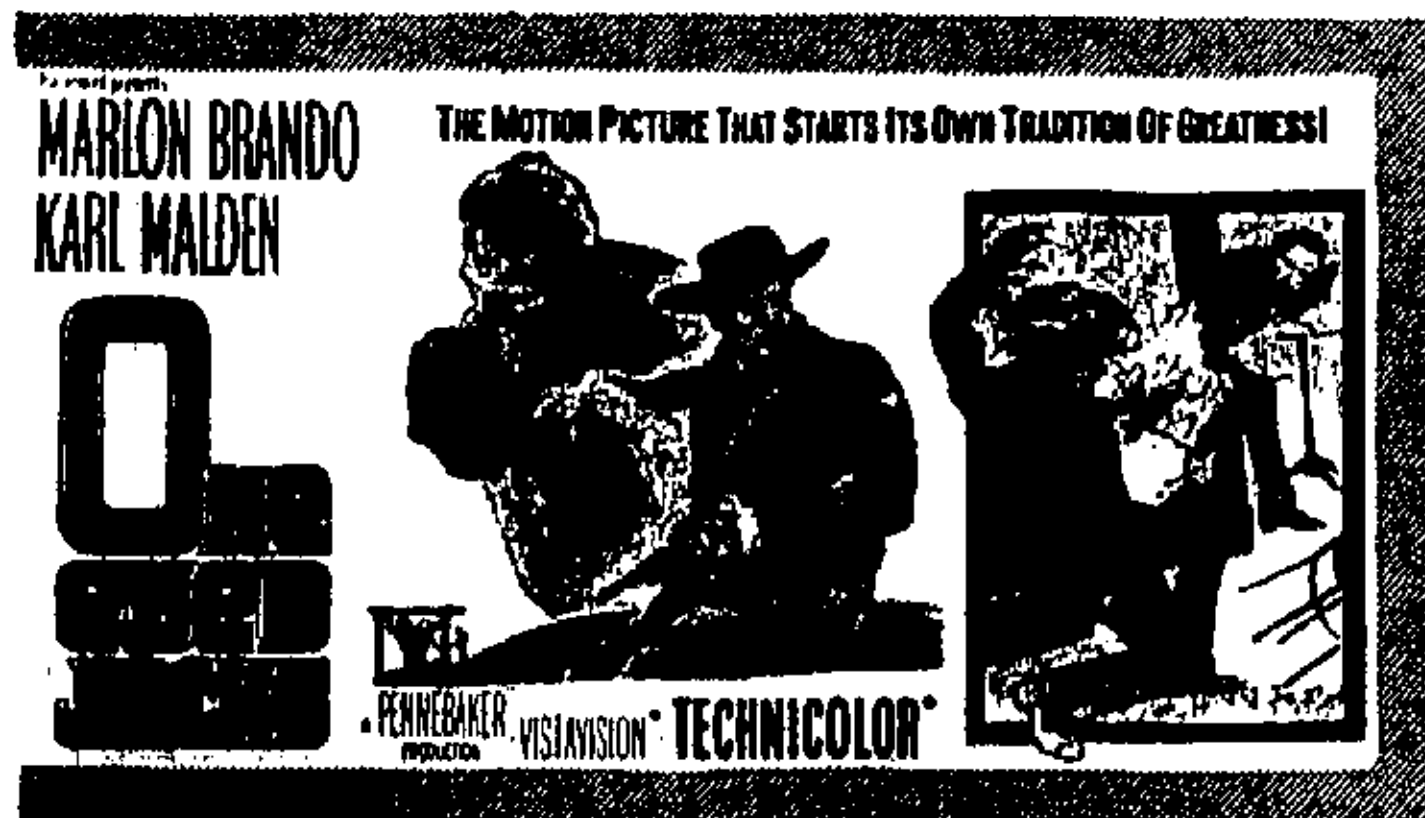


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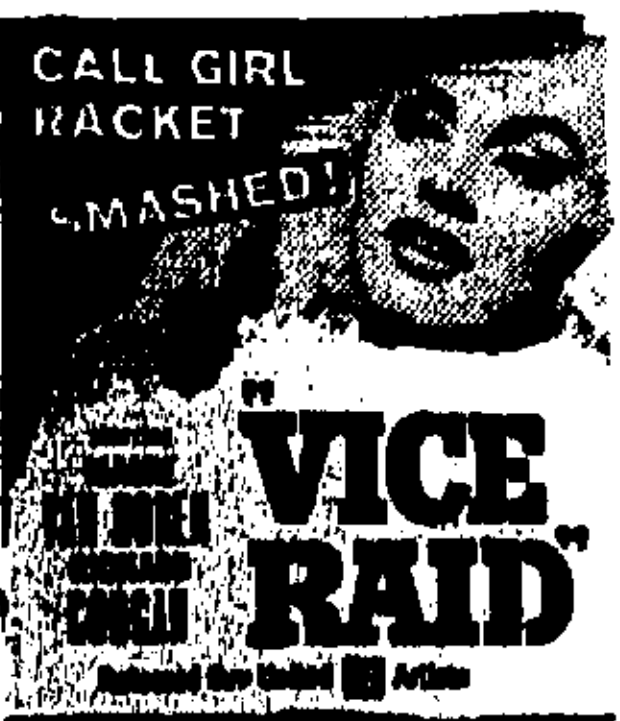
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Butler gives immigration figures

London, Dec. 5. Mr. R. A. Butler, Home Secretary, told the House of Commons that during the first 10 months of 1961, some 57,700 West Indian immigrants were admitted into Britain compared with 3,000 in the 12 months of 1957.

In a written answer to a parliamentary question, he added 18,300 were admitted from India compared with 6,600 for the year 1957, from Pakistan 19,300 compared with 5,200, from West Africa 5,100 compared with 2,200, and from East Africa 2,300 compared with 650.

The statement came three days before Parliament was to debate the committee stage of the new Commonwealth Immigrants Bill—which aims to deal with uncontrolled immigration into Britain.

From Labour MPs

Thirty-seven out of 38 new amendments to the bill published in parliamentary papers were from Labour Members of Parliament.

Among other things, the amendments seek additional exemptions from the provisions for the control of immigration for citizens of Ghana, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, the republic of Ireland, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, India, Pakistan and Ceylon.—China Mail Special.

Juvenile courts criticised

London, Dec. 5. Lord Parker, Lord Chief Justice said in Leicester today he deplored the tendency towards "sloppy and sentimental" treatment of children in juvenile courts.

"Let children have the fright of appearing in court," he added. "It should be like to see children tried in court and with a policeman in uniform in attendance (police officers wear civilian clothes when attending juvenile courts)."

"Dressing down" "I should also like to see them given a good dressing down and the magistrates afterwards having a word with the parents."

"I was horrified when I went into one juvenile court. It was sloppy and sentimental. A boy who had just been fined five shillings for his third offence actually cocked a snook at the magistrates as he was leaving."

Lord Parker was speaking at a meeting of the Magistrates Association.—China Mail Special.

'Break it gently'

London, Dec. 5. Family Doctor, the British medical magazine advises parents to break it gently to their children that Father Christmas does not exist.

"If a child asks if Father Christmas is real, it is quite likely that he already doubts it," the magazine said. "The wise parent will then try to find out what has already been heard, perhaps from other children, and see what his child really wants to believe at this time."

"It does no harm to go along with the child, if his belief is still strong. But it is pointless to try and bolster up a myth that is already crumbling." —China Mail Special.

Churches' message

New Delhi, Dec. 5. The World Council of Churches today sent a message to South African Christians expressing support for all those "involved in the struggle for the elimination of segregation or discrimination."

"May all who thus serve and all who suffer be strengthened," the message said. "May dignity and unity among men be established through the righteousness of God in your land as well as in those from which we come."—AP.

GOVT WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH WAY OF LIFE

London, Dec. 5. A Labour Member of Parliament, Mr Norman Dodds, told the House of Commons that South Africa's apartheid laws would be a blessing to the tens of thousands of gipsy "outcasts" in Britain whose living conditions were the worst in the world.

He urged the Government to ensure adequate living quarters for them and to provide for their good health, proper education and full employment.

Queen off to first colony in W. Africa

Bathurst, Dec. 5. The Royal yacht Britannia today hove to in the Gambia River to enable the Queen to visit James Island, the first place colonised by the British in West Africa in 1661.

James Island, a tiny spot of land in a river which is over 10 miles wide at this point, is uninhabited, with the overgrown ruins of a stone fortress visible over a few palm trees.

The British and French fought for possession of the island five times as it was the key to the interior of an Africa believed rich in gold and slaves.

Kills crocodile

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were on their way to Bathurst from Jowarra, a tiny trading post on the Gambia River and another early British settlement on the continent.

The Queen, in a pale peach afternoon dress and turban hat, and the Duke, in a bush jacket, had walked around the trading compound for half an hour watching heavy sacks of peanuts—Gambia's main export—being weighed and loaded on to donkeys.

About 4,000 Gambians, mainly Moslems in flowing gowns, gathered to greet the Queen and the Duke at Jowarra, which has about 30 stone buildings with tin roofs.

Union Jacks were draped on stalls selling trinkets from neighbouring Senegal.

During the trip up the Gambia River yesterday, the Duke shot a 14-foot man-eating crocodile—one of eight the Royal party spotted. The Duke killed it with one shot.—Reuter.

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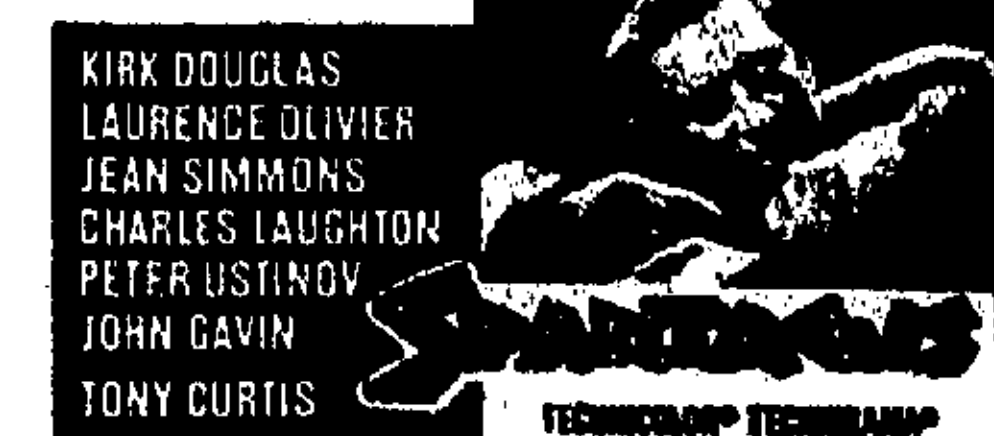
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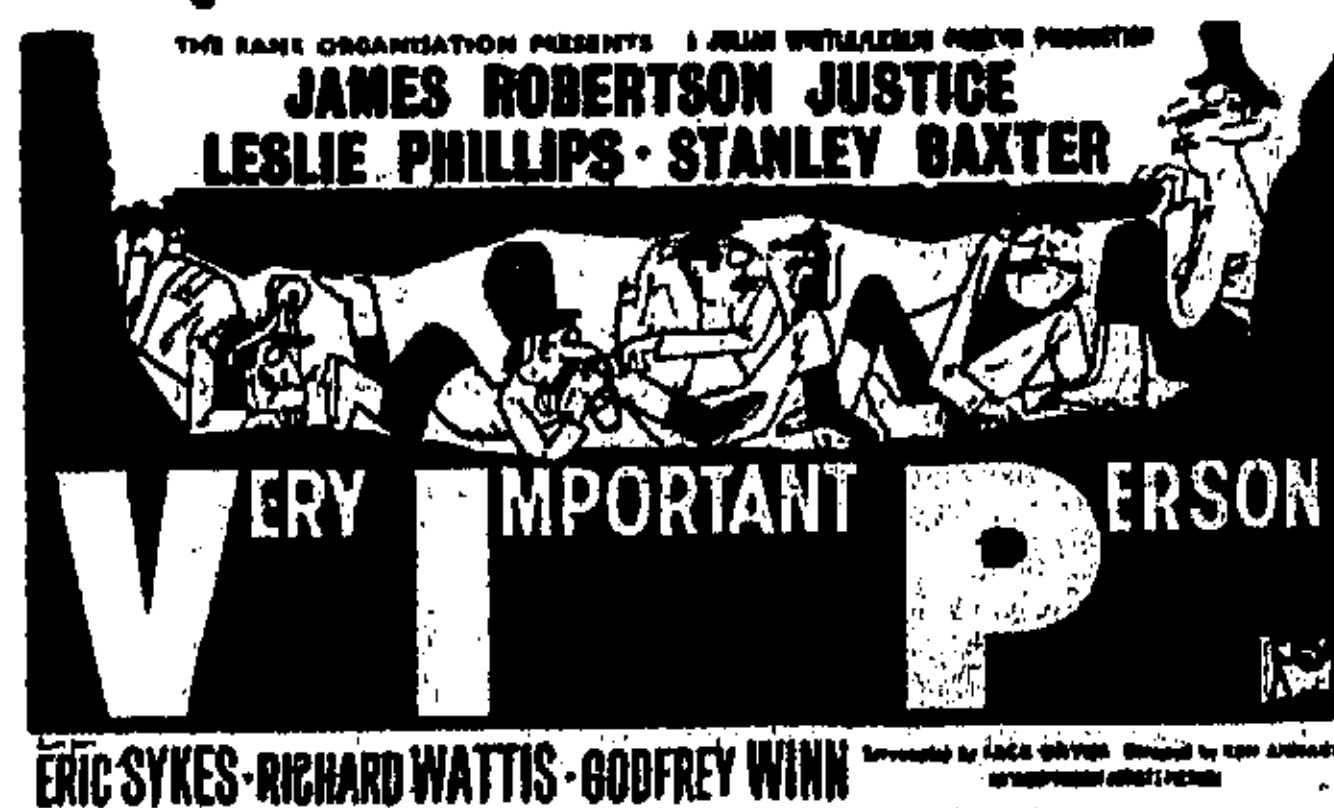
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PISCES (February 19-March 20): Love is in the air during the festive season. You may find a special one.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your family gets a new member at parties, and you will feel the love of your family.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Make sure you have a good time for an additional responsibility before you take on a new one.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Not all the good things in life are free. You will find a good price for your Christmas gifts.

CANCER (June 21-July 21): A person in your life may prove increasingly hard to get along with, and you should be careful of his feelings.

LEO (July 22-August 21): Your present treatment of an

important relative could have an important bearing on the future.

VIRGO (August 22-September 22): If you find a good price for a gift, stand by it.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22): Keep your eyes open for a good price for your Christmas gifts.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21): A person in your life may prove increasingly hard to get along with, and you should be careful of his feelings.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): While you are under an emotional strain, you had better postpone any serious decisions.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 19): You will find a good price for your Christmas gifts.

YOUR LUCKY CARD: It may be your birthday, your first job, or your first love. The SEVEN OF CLUBS.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Vacationing Pixies

—Shadows Help Them Get Aboard Plane—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the Shadow Children with the Pixies of O'Cheer Hall, were sitting on a bench in the park. "I wonder," Hanid was saying to Knarf, "whether the Pixies of O'Cheer Hall ever go on a vacation."

"They don't," Knarf said. "What makes you say that?" asked Hanid.

Why he's sure

Knarf said he was sure that the Pixies of O'Cheer Hall never went on vacations because they didn't live where they could ever go.

"They might go to the country," said Hanid. "They might get on a ship and go sailing."

At that moment there was a rustling in the grass. Knarf and Hanid turned around just in time to see Pixie O'Scowl hurrying across the path.

Immediately behind him came Pixie McSnooze, dragging along two heavy valises. As for Pixie O'Scowl, he had a heavy trunk on his back.

"Hurry up, McSnooze," Pixie O'Scowl was saying. "We haven't got all day, you know. If we don't get there in time, the plane will be leaving without us!"

He's sleepy

"Stop bothering me. I'm doing the best I can!" Pixie McSnooze said in a whining voice. "These valises are heavy. Anyway," he added, "I'm sleepy."

"Never mind that! Never mind!" Pixie O'Scowl kept saying.

All at once Pixie McSnooze stumbled and fell. The moment he hit the ground, he curled up and fell fast asleep with his head on one of the valises.

"Now what do you know about that?" Pixie O'Scowl cried out in annoyance. "Here we are trying to catch an airplane for our vacation and you go and fall asleep!"

Just then, Pixie O'Scowl noticed Knarf and Hanid. "Hey, you two," he said. "Lend us a hand here!"

Glad to help

"We'll be glad to," Hanid said. "You're not very polite," Knarf said to Pixie O'Scowl. "But we'll help you anyway. What do you want me to do?"

"One of you can carry those two valises. The other one can carry McSnooze," O'Scowl ordered. "Only hurry up about it. I'll give you each a four-leaf clover if you do a good job."



The Duck "airplane" flew off with the Pixies on its back.

Knarf started to say he didn't think it was very much to give for carrying two valises and a sleeping Pixie, but Hanid whispered to Knarf not to complain.

Carried valises, McSnooze

"This is a good chance to find out where Pixies spend their vacation," she managed to whisper to Knarf. "Where is your airplane leaving from?" she said aloud to Pixie O'Scowl.

"Just follow me," Pixie O'Scowl said.

Hanid carried the two valises (they didn't weigh more than two lumps of sugar) and Knarf carried Pixie McSnooze. (He didn't weigh more than a pebble.)

"Where are you going to spend your vacation, dear?" Hanid asked Pixie O'Scowl as they were walking quickly down the path.

"I don't know! I don't care! We're going wherever the airplane takes us. Here we are!" he said.

Climbed on duck

They stopped at the edge of the lake. The "airplane" was a Duck.

Pixie O'Scowl climbed on the Duck's back first with the trunk. Then Hanid handed him the two valises.

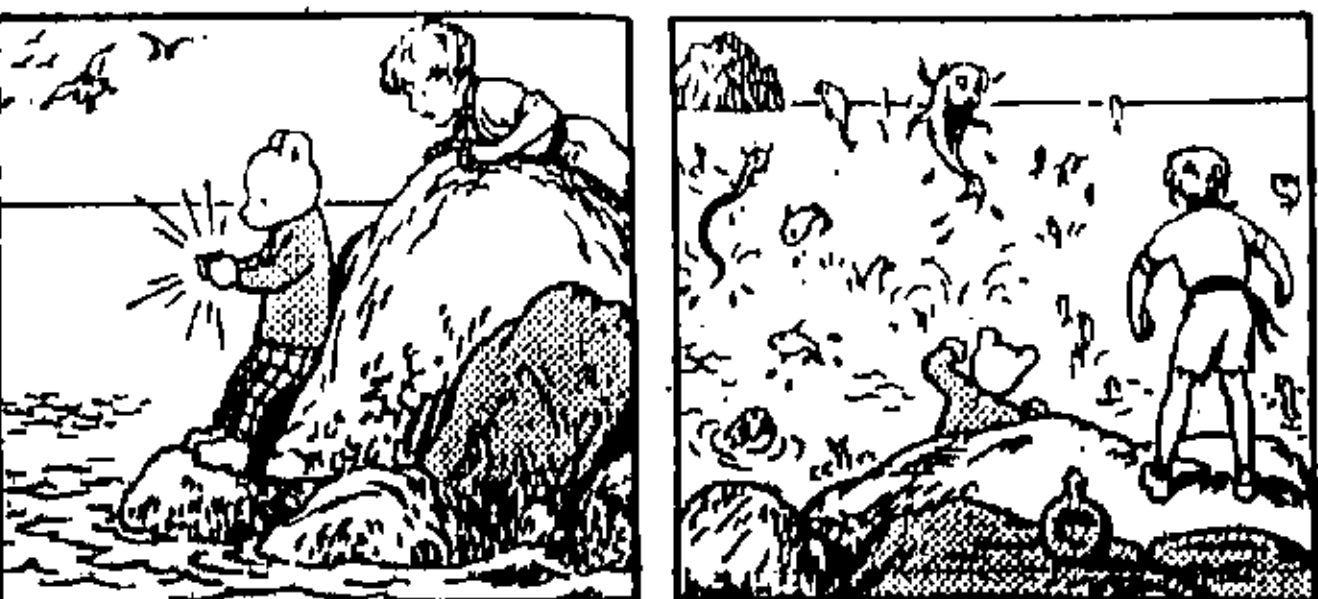
Then Knarf woke up sleeping Pixie McSnooze just enough to get him to clamber aboard the Duck next to Pixie O'Scowl.

A second later, the Duck beat its wings and flew away. It disappeared over the treetops.

And whether it took the two Pixies to the country or to the seashore or to the mountains or across the ocean to strange and far-off lands, Knarf and Hanid never learned.

"We also never got our four-leaf clovers," Knarf said to Hanid as they returned to the park bench and sat down again.

Rupert and the Popweed—31



Rupert determines to try his idea in spite of the boy's words and, going right down to the "water" edge, he feels in his pocket. The two remaining black bubbles are still there and, while he looks on curiously, he squeezes one hard. As with the first, it goes off with a piercing bang and, as before, the sea near him is immediately churned up by fish of all sizes leaping right out of the water. Jon springs to his feet and stares speechlessly while Rupert climbs hurriedly higher on the rocks.

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FOR THE CELLARS—sleeveless, scarlet wool dress with low pleated skirt. Polly Peck.

FASHION PAGE by Jill Butterfield

Belle of any ball

WHATEVER THE OCCASION, IT'S THE CLOTHES THAT COUNT

SOFT lights, sweet music, the tenderness of a gentle embrace. There's something about dancing that so often leads to romance.

As many as 80 per cent of women interviewed by the Marriage Guidance Council last year, in fact, said they met their husbands on the dance floor.

Wearing the right kind of clothes probably helped them, of course.



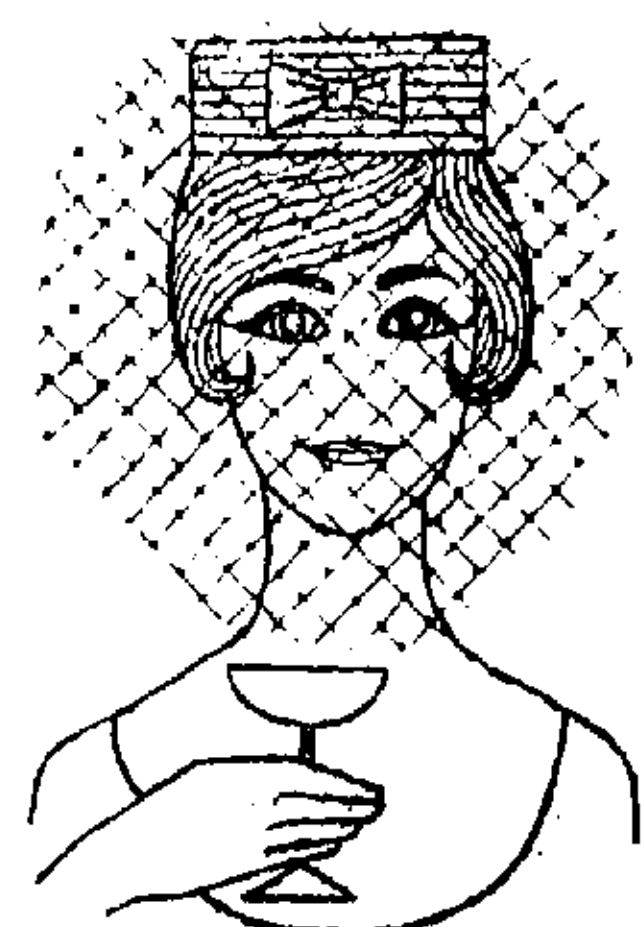
FOR CHANDELIER— a speckled skirt with contrasting cummerbund. Jean Allen

FOR THE CLUB— flared dress in amber satin with bathing suit back. Linzi



THE FINAL TOUCHES

STILL, to the party line, here are a few accessories that add a little something to an office uniform and help convert it into an eye-catching outfit for after dark.



ADD a twist of jewellery to your wrist, neck or waist. As large as Christmas decorations on a linked golden chain.

—(London Express Service)

JACOBY on BRIDGE

IF you don't think anything can happen in a team game, look at the bidding in the box. North's move to four spades was

CARD SENSE

Q. The bidding has been:
North East South West
2♥ Pass 2♠ Pass
4NT Pass 5♣ Pass
5NT Pass 7

You, South, hold:
AKQ1087♥ 2♠ K54 AKQJ2

What do you do?

A—Bid seven no-trump. Your partner must have more than just four aces and you should expect to be able to take all the tricks in no trump.

TODAY'S QUESTION

Again you have responded two spades to your partner's two heart opening and he has rebid to four hearts. You hold:
AKQ1087♥ 2♠ K54 AK63

What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

		NORTH		14
		♠ K 10 9 3		
		♥ J 10 8		
		♦ 6		
		♣ 10 9 4 3 2		
WEST		EAST		
♠ 2		♠ J 8 4		
♥ K 6 4		♥ Q 2		
♦ K 9 7 5 4 2		♦ K 10 8		
♣ Q J 7		♣ A K 8 6 5		
		SOUTH (D)		
		♠ A Q 7 6 5		
		♥ A 9 7 5 3		
		♦ A J 3		
		♣ None		
East and West vulnerable				
South	West	North	East	
1 ♠	Pass	4 ♣	Pass	
6 ♣	Pass	Pass	Pass	
Opening lead—4 ♣				

one of those gambling pre-empt and South's jump to six was optimistic to say the least.

Playing at six, South ruffed the opening club lead, cashed the ace of diamonds, ruffed a diamond, led the jack of hearts from dummy, put the ace on East's queen, ruffed his last diamond, drew trumps and conceded a trick to the king of hearts. Simple!

At the other table North contented himself with a raise to two spades and South went on to game, but then proceeded to find a way to go down at the game contract.

He ruffed the first club and then proceeded to play the ace and another heart. East won the trick and forced South to trump another club, whereupon a second trick was lost to the heart king and a third club led left South with two trumps only.

At this point the game contract was in jeopardy but South could still have made it by cross-ruffing diamonds and clubs, but he had another idea. He cashed the ace and queen of spades, led a fourth heart and discarded a club from dummy. East ruffed with the jack of trumps and took a club trick to set the hand.

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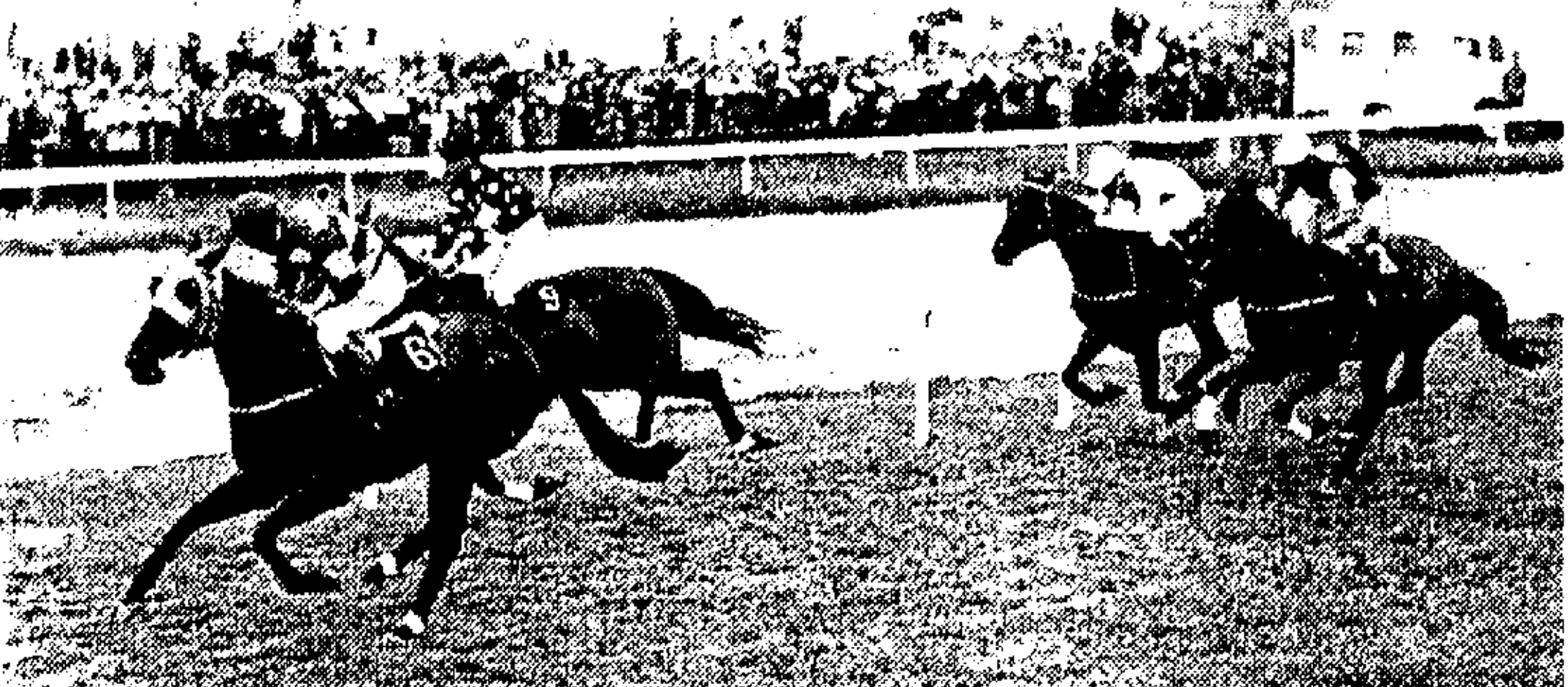
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SPORTS PICTORIAL



ABOVE: Indian Recreation Club's A. S. Ramjohn is clean bowled by Duggan for five runs in their First Division League match against Optimists at Chater-road last Saturday. The Indians failed to score and lost by two wickets.—China Mail photo



ABOVE: Salome (K Kwok up) slaves off a strong challenge by Winsome Stag to win the 6 furlong 40 yard Selkirk Handicap (Second Section) in last Saturday's races at the Valley. Salome's win was a minor upset, paying a \$40.90 win dividend as well as giving the holder of Sweepstake No. 36232 the first prize of \$363.230.



RIGHT: Mr and Mrs Choy Wai-lau leading in their horse Sydney after its victory in the opening race last Saturday. For jockey James Chow the win was a doubly happy occasion as it marked his graduation from the ranks of novice jockeys.—China Mail photos.



RIGHT: Dave Charnley, the European British and Empire lightweight boxing champion delivers the knockout punch on T. C. Morgan of the U.S. Morgan is beginning to see Morgan's knockout followed another knockout victory by Charnley over Darkie Hugs — a week before.

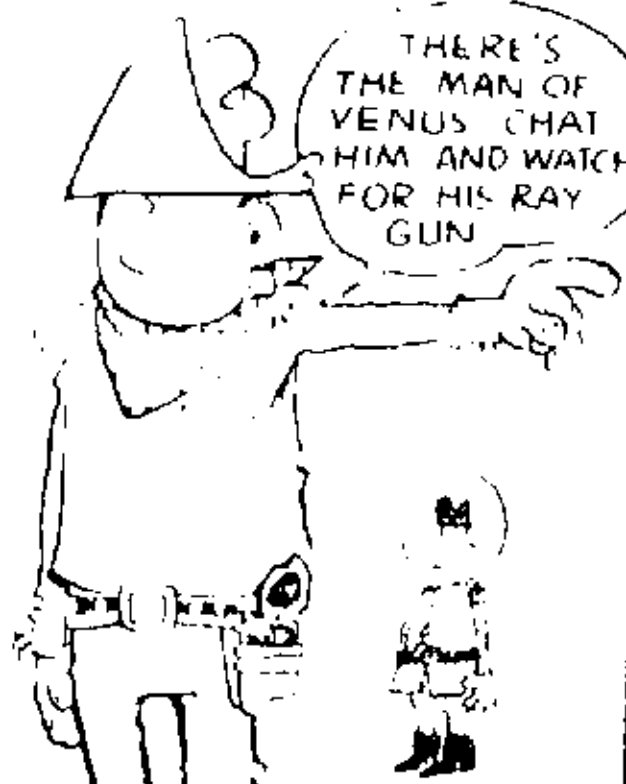
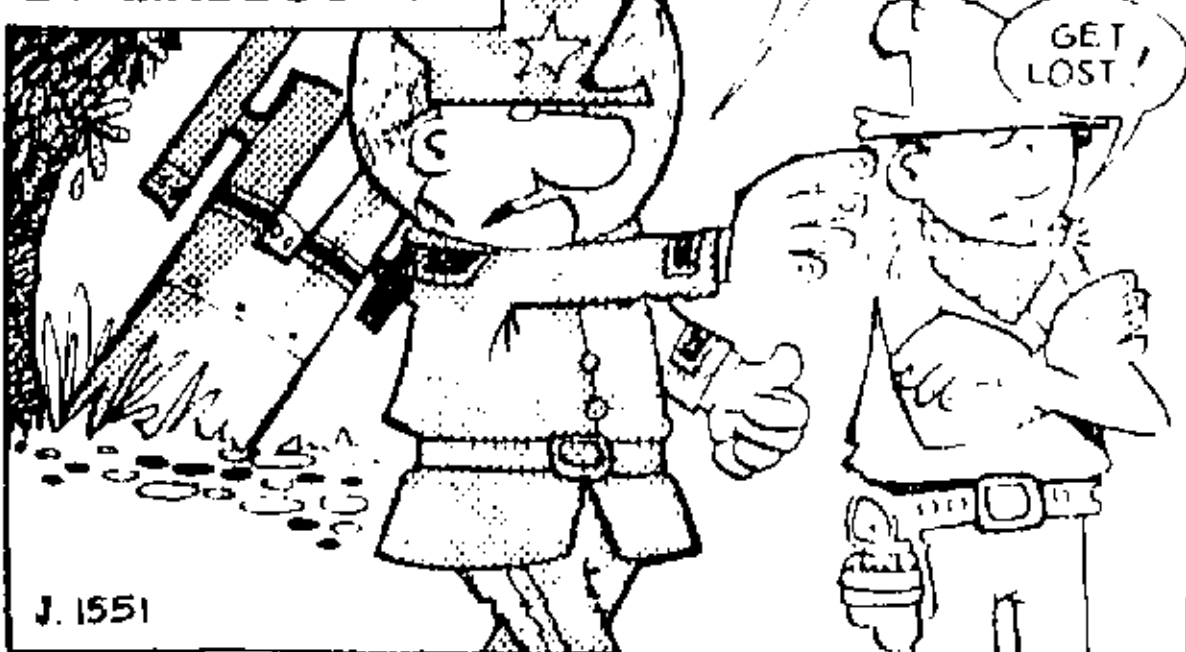


Army's Goodman is tackled by a Navy man in the Pentangular Rugby match between Army and Navy at Causeway Bay last Saturday. Navy won by nine points to three.—China Mail photo.

CHRISTMAS COMFORT
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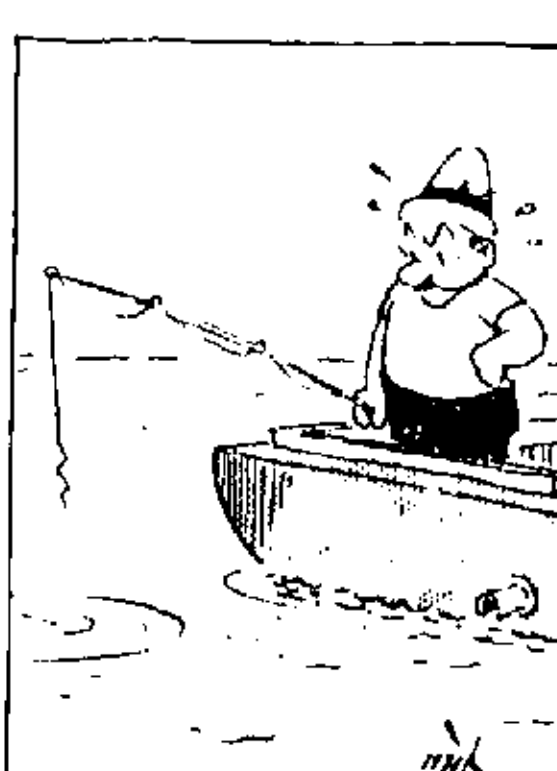
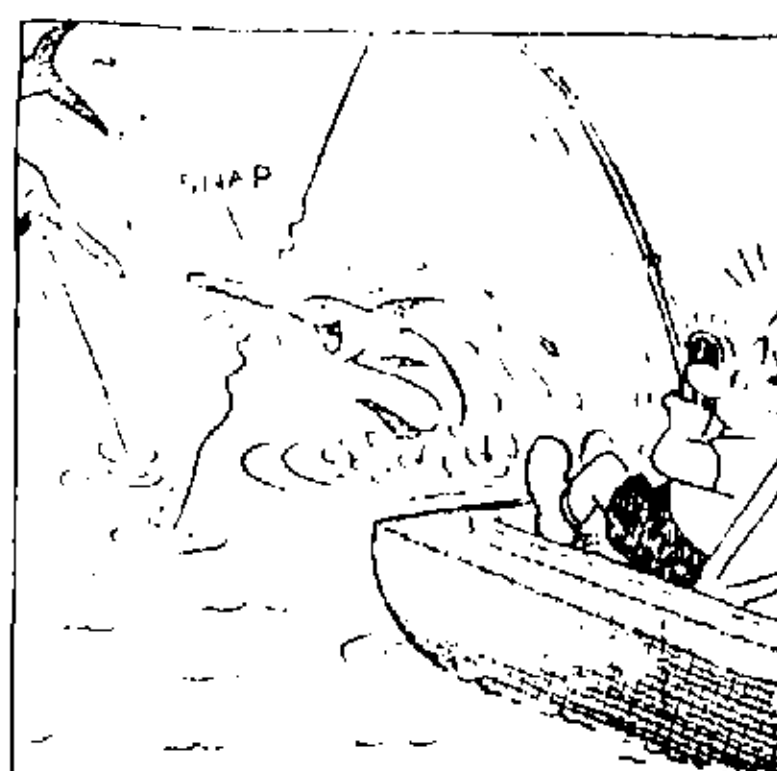
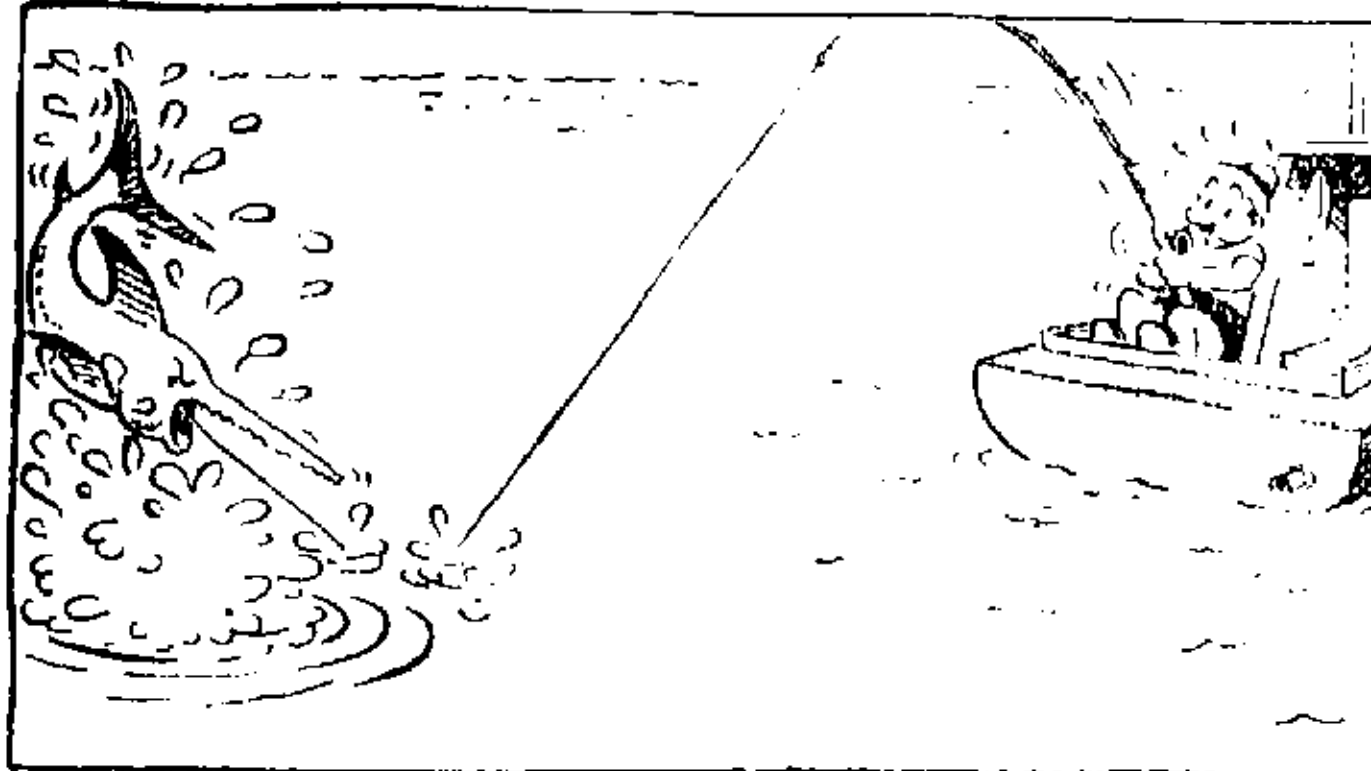
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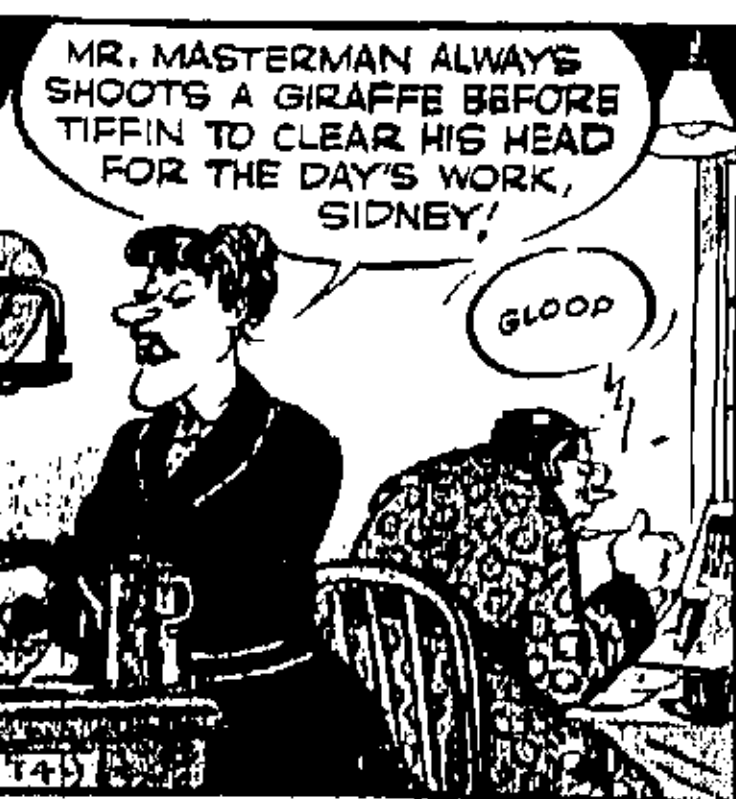
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PROMINENT RESIDENT TELLS COURT ABOUT THREATENING LETTERS

INSPECTS WORKSHOPS



Brigadier M. F. Scott, Inspector of REME, War Office, shown during his visit this morning to the Command Workshops at Shumshupo. On his arrival the Brigadier inspected a Quarter Guard commanded by Sergeant M. J. Green, REME. Afterwards, he toured the workshops where he talked to British and Chinese tradesmen. He is shown here in the kitchen.—Staff photographer.

He's too well dressed

London, Dec. 5.—The Times and other London magazines, and the British Minister of Education, Sir David Eccles, would never be so well dressed.

The magazine said that how ever brilliant Sir David Eccles might be, the British public was unlikely to support a Prime Minister nicknamed "the well dressed".

"Every Briton, believe him, self, born equal to any man alive," the Times said.

"It takes a lot of money to keep the illusion that the average Briton is only too happy to oblige."

"Therefore, he does not want his public figures looking richer, better or smarter than himself and provided the salary keeps coming, the average figure is only too happy to oblige."

The magazine remarked that Britain's elder statesman, Sir Winston Churchill's style of dressing, was only "of curiosity value"—China Mail Special.

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Unemployed man charged with demanding money

Mr Bunnan Tong, a prominent Hongkong businessman, told a magistrate at Central this morning that he received two letters demanding \$3,000 from him with threats.

Mr Tong, Managing Director of Bunnan Tong and Co Ltd on the first floor of Marina House, was testifying before Mr Derek Goss in committal proceedings against an unemployed man accused of demanding money with threats.

The defendant, Chan Kam-nam, 27, of 85 Fa Yuen-street, second floor, Mongkok, is represented by Mr F. H. Lecky.

Detective Inspector M. H. Groome is conducting the proceedings.

Mr Tong testified that about 3 pm on September 28, he received a letter from among a bunch of mail, which was opened on the following day.

Mr Tong said it was a threatening letter signed by a person by the name of "Diu".

The letter, Mr Tong said, demanded \$3,000. The writer of the letter stated that he had seven brothers who came from Canton and had no money to spend.

Afraid

Mr Tong said he was told in the letter not to report the matter to the police. If he did and should any of the sender's seven brothers "lose a hair", the sender would not forgive him, Mr Tong said.

Mr Tong said that he was afraid because it was the first time he had received such a letter.

Mr Tong said he thought the matter over, and at 5.15 pm the same day, he reported the matter to the police and handed over the letter to Inspector Goss.

On November 23, Mr Tong continued, he received a second similar letter. The handwriting in the letter was also similar, Mr Tong added.

Mr Tong told the court the second letter again demanded \$3,000 from him with the words: "I am not joking with you this time."

As a result of a telephone call, Mr Tong said, a detective went to his office on November 24. At 5.20 pm, an office boy gave him a letter which he opened. He said that from this letter, he was given to understand that the sender of the previous threatening letters was going to see him.

Mr Tong said that after a discussion, the detective and his secretary, Mr Lee, left his personal office and later returned with a third man, whom he identified in court as the defendant.

Mr Tong said he heard the detective call defendant, "Are you Ah Diu? If you are, did you send the letters?"

Mr Tong said defendant replied in the affirmative, and added "If you don't believe me, I can write out some characters so that you can compare them with the handwriting in the letters."

Mr Tong said that his secretary then "pretended to put some money into an envelope" to give to the defendant, but it was taken away by the detective.

Identity

The defendant then said: "I cannot stay long, my brothers are waiting for me downstairs. If it should be long, my brothers may..."

Mr Tong said he could not hear the rest of the words.

At that stage, Mr Tong said, the detective revealed his identity and told defendant that he was under arrest.

Mr Tong said in the same evening he gave the letter to the police and requested Inspector Groome to send a detective to his house to protect his guests at a dinner party.

Concluding Mr Tong said he did not know defendant and that there was no reason at all why he should give him \$3,000.

THEFT

Three watches, and jewellery valued at \$570 were stolen from No. 117, Tung Choi-street, first floor, in the Mongkok area of Kowloon between midnight yesterday and 5.30 am today.

Residents of Ruby Court overlooking the site being developed, watched from their balconies as Lady Black talked to Mr Tang Shiu-kin, Mr Tang and friends have found half the building costs. — \$250,000.

The balance is being subscribed by Government.

Roads Office inspector acquitted

Mok Chi-man, alias Thomas Mok, 34-year-old PWD Inspector attached to the Roads Office, was acquitted by Mr J. T. Williams at Central Magistrate's this morning of a charge of criminal intimidation.

He was alleged to have threatened to injure his former wife, Wong Sin-ung, with intent to cause her to omit to give information to the Anti-Corruption Bureau on October 22.

Before discharging Mok, Mr Williams said that there was no doubt that the marriage was not a very happy one and that after their divorce, Wong reported her former husband to the Anti-Corruption Bureau.

He said that throughout the whole evidence given by prosecution witnesses, there was "no sign at all" of the allegation. He said that Wong reported Mok to the Anti-Corruption Bureau "because of personal motives rather than motives of duty."

Mok, who had pleaded not guilty to the charge, was represented by Mr A. Zimmern.

SUCCESSFUL TESTS ON CAR ENGINE "BOOSTER"

Tests conducted in Hongkong over the past week-end of a revolutionary fuel mechanism were described as "extremely successful" by its inventor, Mr Saburo Miyata, this morning.

The new invention, is designed to improve the performance of combustion engines. When the engine of the car used for the tests here was re-inspected yesterday, Mr Miyata said, "There was an overall improvement in the performance of the car."

The car, a 1953 Chevrolet, was able to climb steep hills much easier, the gasoline consumption was cut from 3.2 gallons for the 37-mile course, to 2.7 gallons, and there was a better response from the engine when the accelerator was depressed.

"With this device," Mr Miyata pointed out, "the spark from the spark plug can be advanced to almost double its normal setting which gives the engine more snap and it runs much cooler."

No money given out

About 250 people, mostly old women and children, queued up outside Mr Hui Oi-chow's residence at Garden Terrace, this morning, the birthday of the shipping and real estate millionaire.

The queue started at 6 am, and gradually lengthened to a peak of 300, but dwindled to about 60 at 12.30 pm.

Mr Hui, who used to give away dollar bills on his birthday in previous years has been asked by the police to stop the practice to avoid possible chaos.

No money was given out today.

Health centre site inspected

Lady Black examined plans and inspected the site for the Anne Black Health Centre, estimated to cost \$500,000, at the junction of Tsai Tse Mui-road and Healthy-street, North Point, this morning.

Residents of Ruby Court overlooking the site being developed, watched from their balconies as Lady Black talked to Mr Tang Shiu-kin, Mr Tang and friends have found half the building costs. — \$250,000.

The balance is being subscribed by Government.

Letters from you to the editor CAN OUR POLICE GIVE FIRST AID?

dear sir

In Friday's edition of the China Mail there was a photograph of a poor woman lying injured in the gutter after being knocked down whilst helping a blind man to cross the road.

We are all very sorry, I am sure, to see such a picture and to read of the unfortunate woman's accident, but this photograph highlights an important point which has puzzled me for a long time.

Since I first came to the Colony over two years ago, I have witnessed at least five accidents and in every case no visible attempt has been made to render first aid to the injured party, and one notes that all the Police Constables do is to mark out an area in chalk and wait for the arrival of an ambulance.

One cannot help but notice the amount of blood flowing into the gutters and assuming that in some cases arteries are cut, then surely the Police

Constable's first job should be to render some form of first aid in an endeavour to save life.

As one sees very little evidence of this being done, we are faced with the rather unpleasant thought that our Police Constables don't know how to do first aid, a state of affairs that I cannot really believe exists in the Colony. Or does it????

I expect that this letter will bring a storm of protest from your readers, but it would be nice to have some idea of what may happen to me if I am unfortunate to suffer any form of injury during the hazardous business of walking in Kowloon or Hongkong.

F. W. WITT

Man just out of prison jailed again

A young man who had emerged from prison a few days ago, was sent to jail for three months today for exposing obscene pictures to the public.

Yip Siu-lung, 28, living at 340 Shanghai-street, first floor, admitted offering the pictures for sale at Temple-street near Market-street on December 5. He had 45 pictures in his possession.

Insp D. J. Collins said defendant had eight previous convictions, two of them similar.

Yip said that he had just come out of prison and could not find a job.

The pictures were ordered to be confiscated.

426 NEW TB CASES

Thirty-five deaths from infectious diseases occurred during the week ended on November 25 as compared with 31 in the previous week, according to official health figures released today.

Of the total, 29 deaths were from tuberculosis, two each from amoebiasis and poliomyelitis and one each from diphtheria and cerebrospinal meningitis.

In the same period, 426 fresh cases of tuberculosis were notified, bringing to 11,175 the total number of tuberculosis cases reported since the beginning of the year.

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